## DEGRAY LAKE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SAFETY ALERT - LOW WATER CONDITIONS

September 21, 2005

Due to warm temperatures, low rainfall totals and hydropower generation, DeGray Lake water levels are falling. Visitors are advised to exercise caution during their recreational activities including boating, skiing, and swimming. On September 21, 2005 the lake is 396.88 feet above mean sea level and falling.

The DeGray Lake Field Office recommends that boaters use extra caution while navigating near shorelines, islands, points and any unfamiliar areas. Most shallow water locations are marked with navigational buoys, but some locations can go unnoticed. In some cases, a navigational buoy may break loose from a hazardous location.

The DeGray Lake staff recommends that boaters reduce speeds and become especially familiar with specific hazards present in their boating area. Boaters should navigate near the center of the lake along the river channel for best insurance against running aground.

For more information concerning low water conditions and water safety education at DeGray Lake, please contact the Corps of Engineers at 870-246-5501. Your Safety is Our Concern.